## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Clymer, Shawn Allen, et al.

Serial No. : 10/612,190 Filed : July 02, 2003

Title : Early Warning of Potential Service Level Agreement Violations

(As Amended herein)

Attorney Docket : RSW920030046USI/IBM037PA

Examiner : Tang, Kenneth

Art Unit : 2195 Confirmation : 4146

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper is submitted as a preliminary amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115 and is being filed after the filing of the above-identified application and before the receipt of a first action from the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.